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From the Principal

Tony Ryan

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope all of our students, families and staff had the opportunity to enjoy a restful break and spend some quality time together. Term 3 is always a busy and exciting term with many learning opportunities, sporting events and community activities planned. We look forward to another fantastic term of learning and thank our families for their ongoing support of our school.

Australian National Emergency Alert Test:

On Monday 27 July at approximately 2:00 pm, the Australian Government will conduct a national test of the Emergency Alert system.

Families should be aware that compatible mobile phones may receive a loud emergency alert notification, even if the device has been placed on silent mode. This may also be useful information for family members working from home or elsewhere on the day where disruption of the alert may be a problem. The school is putting some plans into place to manage this event at school as productively as possible.

As a reminder, students who bring a mobile phone to school for communication purposes with family before or after school are required to hand their phone to their classroom teacher at the beginning of the day and collect it at dismissal. This process will ensure devices remain securely stored during the school day, including during the national alert test.

Term 3

- Monday 20th July-
WHPS Grades 3-4
Athletics Day
- Monday 27th July-
WHPS Grades 5-6
Athletics Day &
Aus Alert
Notification
@2pm
- Tuesday 28th
July-Division
Netball
&
ART Show @3:45-
5pm
- Wednesday 29th
July- ART Show
@8:30am - 9am
&

**Grade 5/6
Greensborough
College Production**

- Thursday 30th
July-Division
TBall
- Friday 31st July-
Harry Potters
Birthday
Celebration

Term Dates 2026

Term 3:

- Mon 13th July term
start

- Fri 18th Sep term end

Term 4:

- Mon 5th Oct term start

- Fri 18th Dec year end

AEU Protected Industrial Action – Thursday 23 July

The Australian Education Union (AEU) has advised its members to participate in protected industrial action next Thursday 23 July.

Education staff have until 48 hours prior to the planned action to formally notify me of their intention to participate. However, out of respect for our school community and to provide families with as much notice as possible, many of our teachers have already indicated their intention to stop work. Based on the information currently available, I anticipate that the majority of classrooms will not be operating on this day. Following the notification deadline, I will communicate with families regarding which classrooms, if any, will be operating.

Families who are essential service workers and have no alternative care arrangements for their child/ren on Thursday are asked to contact me directly if supervision at school is required.

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UPDATE to Stop Work!

In breaking news to the above information. It has been shared today that a revised offer from the DET has been put to the AEU today. The outcome of the revised offer, whether it is recommended by the union that members accept this offer, whether members vote to accept the offer and if the stop work action will go ahead next week are all unknown at this stage, but I will notify the community as soon as I have confirmed details. We are hopeful of a speedy resolution to the negotiation process and understand the impact this dispute has on our community and thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this process.

2027 Prep Enrolments:

A reminder to families with a child commencing Prep in 2027 that enrolment application deadline for a position at our school are due by Thursday 31 July.

Submitting applications as soon as possible assists us with planning classes, staffing and transition programs for next year. If you know of family members, friends or neighbours who wish to enrol their child at our school next year, please encourage them to lodge their enrolment application as soon as possible.

NAPLAN Reports:

NAPLAN Individual Student Reports for our Year 3 and Year 5 students have now arrived at school. Reports will be placed in envelopes and sent home with students over the coming days. We encourage families to take the time to read through the report and celebrate their child's progress. Our students should be proud of their efforts in completing these assessments and demonstrating our STRIVE values. As always, NAPLAN is one source of information about a student's learning and should be considered alongside teacher assessment and classroom achievement.

Years 3–6 Athletics:

We are looking forward to our upcoming athletics events over the next two weeks.

Our Year 3/4 Athletics Day will be held next **Monday 20 July at Willinda Athletics Track**. Families are warmly invited to attend and support our young athletes throughout the day. A sincere thank you to the parents and carers who have already volunteered to assist Miss Massa's coordination of events on the day. As always we sincerely value our volunteers and your support is greatly appreciated.

Our **Year 5/6 Athletics Day will follow on Monday 27 July**. Miss Massa is still seeking additional parent volunteers to assist with the running of events on this day. If you are available to help, please contact Miss Massa.

Massa.Macellari@education.vic.gov.au.

School Art Show:

One of the highlights of Term 3 will be our bi-annual School Art Show, showcasing the creativity and talent of our students.

Families are warmly invited to visit the exhibition after school on Tuesday 28 July, with the display also open on the following morning. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk through the school and enjoy the incredible range of artwork created by our students throughout the year.

A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated to help support our great art team with the costs associated with preparing and presenting the exhibition. This year we will also be holding a silent auction, giving families and community members the opportunity to bid on a few outstanding collaborative artworks created by our students. These unique pieces will make wonderful artistic keepsakes while helping to support future art programs at Watsonia Heights Primary School.

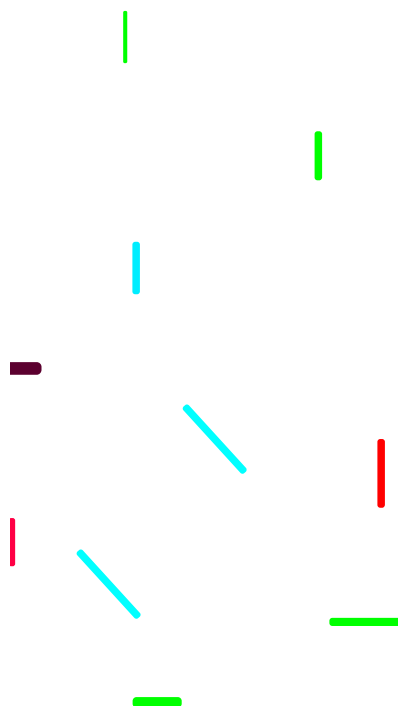
Students' individual artworks will be sent home following the exhibition for families to enjoy.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our school. We look forward to another wonderful term of learning, achievement and community connection.

Have a great weekend,
Tony



EVERY
CHILD
IS AN
ARTIST
~PICASSO



DEBATING COMPETITION

For the first time, Watsonia Heights Primary School participated in a regional debating competition, hosted by Templestowe Park Primary School. A group of Year 6 students represented the school and demonstrated excellent teamwork, critical thinking and public speaking skills throughout the day. In an outstanding achievement for first time competitors, our teams won 4 of the 6 debates they participated in. This success was made possible through the students' dedication and commitment, with team members working diligently at home and giving up recess and lunch times to research topics, prepare arguments and practise their speeches. Most importantly, students embraced the challenge, responded confidently to opposing arguments and represented our school with maturity, respect and enthusiasm. We look forward to building on this success and participating in debating competitions again in the future.





Dates for your **DIARY 2026**



By Miss Massa

Term 3 - 13th July - 18th September 2026

WHPS 3/4 House Athletics Monday 20th July 2026 @ Willinda Park

AFL 9s Division Thursday 23rd July

WHPS 5/6 House Athletics Monday 27th July 2026 @ Willinda Park

Netball Division Tuesday July 28th

Soccer Division Wednesday July 29th

T Ball Division Thursday July 30th

District Athletics Thursday 20th August @ Meadowglen Athletics Track

Division Athletics Friday September 11th

Term 4 - 5th October - 18th December 2026

Northern Metropolitan Regional Athletics Wednesday 14th October 2026

Grade 5 Camp Sovereign Hill - Wednesday 14th October- Wednesday 16th October
2026

Division Basketball Thursday 15th October

Division Softball Wednesday 21st October

Grade 4 Camp Alexandra Adventure Resort - Monday 26th October- Wednesday
28th October 2026

Cricket Blast Wednesday 28th

Grade 6 Camp Coastal Forest Lodge - Wednesday 2nd December - Friday 4th
December 2026





INTERSCHOOL SPORT CODE OF CONDUCT



SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials
- b) Students play organised sport for enjoyment. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- c) Don't let your behavior detract from their enjoyment
- d) Applaud good performance and efforts by your team AND the opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- e) Respect the official's decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure of the sport in order to question the decision and teach the children to do likewise.
- f) Never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivating.
- g) Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- h) Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- i) Encourage players to play according to the rules and the officials' decisions.
- j) Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used eg digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Play for enjoyment.
- b) Play by the rules.
- c) Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- d) Don't be induced into 'throwing' a game for the benefit of another team or individual
- e) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- f) Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- g) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- h) Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.
- i) Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used eg digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts.



Student of The Week

Week 1



Alessia, Ruben, Maddison, Max, Luca, Hugo, Henry, Zara, Evan, Thomas, Alfie, Vance, Scarlett, Abtin, Alice, Molly, Lily, Memphis, Rory, Ines, Maggie-May, Bianca.

Debating Competition Competitors



Congratulations!